

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases in progress which are made by a number of individuals belonging to a liable ~~organisation~~ organization, such as employees making purchases in parallel on behalf of a company, the apparatus comprising

a managing server (100) connected to an global interconnected network (105), such as the Internet, the server including a storage means (140) and issuing means (150),

a client terminal (130) connected to the network for providing information to the storage means of the server about purchasing rules for individuals purchasing on behalf of their ~~organisation~~ organization,

the issuing means adapted to generate a unique number, the number being issued and distributed to a purchasing individual, in dependence on the purchasing rules,

a first communication terminal (120) operated by a provider is adapted to, in response to a purchase, provide information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress, wherein

~~characterised in that~~

the server is adapted to examine whether information provided is in accordance with the purchasing rules, as a result of which a notification is sent to the first communication terminal so as to validate the purchase.

2. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the issuing means is adapted to generate a unique number, the number being issued and distributed to a second communication terminal operated by a purchasing individual, in dependence on the purchasing rules.

3. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the second communication terminal operated by a

purchasing individual could be adapted, in response to a purchase, provide information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the client terminal is operated by the purchasing ~~organisation~~ organization.

5. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein as a result of the examination, the managing server sends a notification also to the purchasing ~~organisation~~ organization in addition to the notification to the first and/or second communication terminal.

6. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the unique the number includes a logical part and a random part, the logical part including at least one of ~~organisation~~ organization, department, individual and serial number of issued numbers, and the random part being any four digit number.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the unique number is distributed to the second communication terminal either via a smart card or by printing the unique number on a purchasing coupon, preferably in the form of a bar code.

8. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the information provided from the first and/or second communication terminal to the managing server relating to a purchase includes the unique number and the cost of the purchase for reservation of the corresponding the amount on a debiting account.

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein for valid purchase, the first and/or second communication terminal connects to an electronic invoicing service (175), which is adapted to execute invoicing in accordance with the specific requirements for payment of the purchasing ~~organisation~~ organization.

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing purchases according to claim 9, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the electronic invoicing service is adapted to connect to the managing server for retrieval of specific routines stored thereon for invoicing relating to the purchasing ~~organisation~~ organization.

11. (Currently amended) A method for managing purchases in progress which are made by a number of individuals belonging to a liable ~~organisation~~ organization, such as employees making purchases in parallel on behalf of a company, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting a managing server (100) to an global interconnected net-work (105), such as the Internet, the server including a storage means (140) and issuing means (150),

providing information to the storage means of the server about purchasing rules for individuals purchasing on behalf of their ~~organisation~~ organization which in-formation is provided by a client terminal (130) connected to the network,

generating a unique number by the issuing means, the number being is-sued and distributed to a purchasing individual in dependence on the purchasing rules,

in response to a purchase, providing information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress, by means of a first communication terminal (120) operated by a provider,

~~characterised in that~~ wherein

examining by the server whether information provided is in accordance with the

purchasing rules, as a result of which a notification is sent to the first communication terminal so as to validate the purchase.

12. (Currently amended) Computer program for causing a ~~computerised~~ computer apparatus to manage and audit purchases in progress which are made by a number of individuals belonging to a liable ~~organisation~~ organization, such as employees making purchases in parallel on behalf of a company, comprising a computer readable code, which when run causes the ~~computerised~~ computerized apparatus to perform the method steps ~~according to claim 11~~: comprising,

connecting a managing server (100) to an global interconnected net-work (105), such as the Internet, the server including a storage means (140) and issuing means (150);

providing information to the storage means of the server about purchasing rules for individuals purchasing on behalf of their organization which in-formation is provided by a client terminal (130) connected to the network;

generating a unique number by the issuing means, the number being is-sued and distributed to a purchasing individual in dependence on the purchasing rules;

in response to a purchase, providing information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress, by means of a first communication terminal (120) operated by a provider; and

examining by the server whether information provided is in accordance with the purchasing rules, as a result of which a notification is sent to the first communication terminal so as to validate the purchase.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A computer program product in a computer readable medium having computer

program code recorded thereon, wherein the program code includes sets of instructions to manage and audit purchases in progress which are made by a number of individuals belonging to a liable organization, such as employees making purchases in parallel on behalf of a company in a computer system, said instructions comprising steps for:

connecting a managing server (100) to an global interconnected net-work (105), such as the Internet, the server including a storage means (140) and issuing means (150);

providing information to the storage means of the server about purchasing rules for individuals purchasing on behalf of their organization which in-formation is provided by a client terminal (130) connected to the network;

generating a unique number by the issuing means, the number being is-sued and distributed to a purchasing individual in dependence on the purchasing rules;

in response to a purchase, providing information to the managing server relating to a purchase in progress, by means of a first communication terminal (120) operated by a provider; and

examining by the server whether information provided is in accordance with the purchasing rules, as a result of which a notification is sent to the first communication terminal so as to validate the purchase.

16. (New) A computer program product according to claim 15, wherein the computer readable medium is a propagated signal and the propagated signal is a carrier wave.